Check Case Processing Times

Select your form, form category, and the office that is processing your case

Refer to your receipt notice to find your form, category, and office. For more information about case processing times and reading your receipt notice, visit the More Information About Case Processing Times (./more-info) page.

Form *

I-130 | Petition for Alien Relative ⌄

Form Category *

U.S. citizen filing for a spouse, parent, or child under 21 ⌄

Field Office or Service Center *

Potomac Service Center ⌄

Get processing time

Processing time for Petition for Alien Relative (I-130) at Potomac Service Center

80% of cases are completed within
13.5 Months

Sign in or create (https://my.uscis.gov/account) a new account to see your estimated case timeline.

ⓘ Notes

USCIS service centers are now prioritizing the processing of Form I-130 preference petitions for which an the Department of State Visa Bulletin shows that an immigrant visa is available. The visa bulletin, published monthly, lists available immigrant visas by priority date. USCIS uses the visa bulletin to determine the current visa categories and priority dates before processing a Form I-130 preference petition. Service centers have prioritized our adjudication efforts so that we can focus on those cases that have visas available.

❶ What does this processing time mean?

We generally process cases in the order we receive them. This processing time is based on how long it took us to complete 80% of adjudicated cases over the past six months. Each case is unique, and some cases may take longer than others. Processing times should be used as a reference point, not an absolute measure of how long your case will take to be completed.

Learn more about processing times (./more-info).

❶ When can I ask about my case?

Many routine factors impact how quickly a case is processed. We only allow inquiries for cases that are well outside the processing time listed above.

Learn more about the Case Inquiry Date (./more-info).

Enter your receipt date below to find out if you can contact us with questions.

When is your receipt date?

mm/dd/yyyy   **Get Inquiry Date**

↗ Other case processing times resources

Reducing Processing Backlogs (./reducing-processing-backlogs)

Frequently Asked Questions About Processing Times (./processing-times-faqs)

When to expect to receive your Green Card (./expect-green-card)

Processing information for the I-765 (./i765)

Affirmative Asylum Interview Scheduling (http://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/refugees-asylum/asylum/affirmative-asylum-scheduling-bulletin)

Administrative Appeals Office (https://www.uscis.gov/about-us/directorates-and-program-offices/administrative-appeals-office-aao/aao-processing-times)

Historical Average Processing Times (./historic-pt)

Parole Processing (https://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/humanitarian-parole/parole-processing)

❷ Case management tools

Inquire about a case outside normal processing time (https://egov.uscis.gov/e-request/displayONPTForm.do?entryPoint=init&sroPageType=onpt)

Check your case status (https://my.uscis.gov/account)

Update your mailing address (https://egov.uscis.gov/coa/)

Ask about missing mail (https://egov.uscis.gov/e-Request/Intro.do)

Correct a typographical error (https://egov.uscis.gov/e-request/displayTypoForm.do?entryPoint=init&sroPageType=typoError)

Request appointment accommodations (https://egov.uscis.gov/e-request/displayAccomForm.do?entryPoint=init&sroPageType=accommodations)

Feedback

Let us know what you think about our redesigned Processing Times webpage at ProcessingTimesFeedback@uscis.dhs.gov (mailto:ProcessingTimesFeedback@uscis.dhs.gov)   (Please do not submit case-specific inquiries).

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